(v) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is supplied for automobiles through a number of retail outlets in Delhi and Mumbai to cater to the CNG vehicles.

(vi) Benzene content in petrol has been reduced.

(vii) A network of 295 Ambient Air Quality and 507 Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Stations have been set up throughout the country.

(viii) Emission standards for industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

(ix) Steps have been taken to control pollution from 17 categories of highly polluting industries.

(x) Industries are also required to install necessary pollution control equipments before commissioning of their plants.

(xi) Industries are required to take consent from the respective State Pollution Control Board under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for discharging their effluent and hazardous waste.

(xii) Environmental Action Plans for 24 critically polluted areas have been prepared and are under implementation.

Fuelwood and Fodder Projects

3380. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned area-oriented fuelwood and fodder projects in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Tribals dominated areas of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and district wise;

(c) whether these projects have achieved the desired results; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) A consolidated scheme at a total cost of Rs. 1320.08 lakhs (Rupees thriteen crore twenty lakh eight thousand only) with central assistance

of Rs. 660.04 lakh (Rupees six crore sixty lakh four thousand only) was sanctioned during the Ninth Plan under the Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project for taking up works in Andhra Pradesh over 15114 hectares.

The works were taken up by Government of Andhra Pradesh in the districts of Anantapur, Chittoor, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Guntur, Prakasam, Nellore, Krimnagar, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Rangareddy, Medak, Nizamabad and Krishna.

The details of physical targets, achievements and funds sanctioned to the State during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Physical (in ha.)		Financial (Rs. in lakh) Am Released as Central Assistance
	Target	Achievement	
1999-2000	3892	3892	69.92
2000-2001	2714	3754	146.38
2001-2002	5470	5394	162.77
TOTAL:	12076	13040	379.07

An independent evaluation of the implementation of the projects sanctioned during Ninth Plan upto 1999-2000 shows that the average survival percentage of plantations comes to 71.8%, which is quite satisfactory.

Forest areas in Kerala and Karnataka

3381. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest areas of Kerala and Karnataka during the period 1981—2001, separately;

(b) whether it is a fact that large scale depletion of forest areas is taking place in these States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the forest land from further depletion?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Forest Survey of India assesses the forest cover of the country